

AFRL awards contract to thwart computer intrusions

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory Information directorate awarded a \$298,000 contract to Syracuse Research Corp. of North Syracuse. The company will build a database to deter hostile computer intrusions.

“The innovative aspect of this research is the inclusion of information operations threat data in a risk management database,” said Peter J. Radesi, program manager in the directorate’s Defensive Information Warfare branch. “This system will automatically go out to the Internet and update its database with the latest countermeasures information,

such as anti-virus ‘patches’ to protect computers and networks from attack.”

Radesi said the system will automatically connect to such organizations as the Air Force Information Warfare Center in San Antonio, Texas, and computer emergency response teams located around the country. Initially intended to help protect critical command and control systems, the technology is expected to have widespread commercial applications. @